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Cedarville College

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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Greenville High School graduate Diane Rank has become the cornerstone of the women's basketball program at Cedarville College. The 5-11 sophomore center leads the team in nearly every offensive category including scoring and rebounding. Diane, who is a Business Communications Technology major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rank of Greenville.

Rank is averaging 17.4 points and 10.1 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets who have struggled to a 3-9 start. However, Diane has been surrounded by four freshmen in the starting line-up which is quite different than last year. As a rookie, Rank started every game in the middle along with four seniors and Cedarville posted a best-ever 20-10 record.

"We knew this would be a rebuilding year," admitted head coach Bob Fires. "Diane has worked hard every game and she is clearly the leader on the team. Despite the play of the team, Diane is having a fine year."

Rank has scored in double figures in 10 of the 12 games and has grabbed at least 10 rebounds on five occasions. Her top games include 24 points and 15 rebounds in a 67-49 win over Denison, and 22 points with 14 boards in a loss to Defiance.

Rank is in the NAIA District 22's top five in both scoring and rebounding. She is shooting 50.6 percent from the field and 63.6 from the line.

Cedarville is a Baptist liberal arts college located in southwestern Ohio, 25 miles east of Dayton. The school has an enrollment of approximately 1900 students.